

***How You Can Help Recruit for the Best of America to become Army Chaplains
and Engage in Meaningful Dialogue through Professional Academic Engagements!***

A variety of academic conferences are beginning to address topics that are closely aligned with the calling and subject matter related to military chaplaincy. Ranging from topics such as moral and spiritual injury to bioethics and trauma-informed approaches to sacred texts, scholars are taking interest in these important topics and chaplains and religious affairs specialists often have relevant experience and training to bring a valuable contribution to these discussions. There are a number of opportunities to engage with academia in these areas, but some of the largest gatherings of religious scholars are held in November each year during the annual conferences of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), and Evangelical Theological Society (ETS). The Call for Papers opens around the first of the year, with proposals due by March for the conference later that year. Many of these organizations also have regional meetings throughout the year with opportunities to present papers and engage with scholars. A number of other scholarly organizations, such as the International Society for Military Ethics (ISME), also hold annual conferences and would greatly benefit from the perspective of the Army Chaplain Corps. If you have interest in these areas and have done research and writing in them, then these conferences could be valuable opportunities to learn, engage with scholars, and even present your own work. Usually, the work that is presented during these conferences is at a doctoral level, and proposals are quite competitive, but these could be great chances to share Doctor of Ministry work or other research and insights to a broader audience. You can find out more at:

<https://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting>

<https://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/annualmeeting.aspx>

https://www.etsjets.org/future_meetings

<https://www.internationalsocietyformilitaryethics.org/2020-conference.html>